

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract in its entirety with the following new Abstract; the new Abstract on a separate sheet, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.72, is annexed hereto:

A method for editing Web-based documents and a software package for implementing the method is provided. The method can include receiving from a user an indication of a selected portion of a Web-based document to be edited and of a desired editing function to be performed on the selected portion and inserting immediately prior to the selected portion a first editing tag corresponding to the desired editing function. Also, the method may include detecting object tag elements within the selected portion, inserting immediately prior to each object tag element within the selected portion a second editing tag corresponding to the desired editing function and inserting the second tag at the end of the selected portion, and inserting immediately after each object tag element within the selected portion the first editing tag, wherein the first and second editing tags are distinguishable from the object tag elements.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Web-based documents are most often created in hyper text mark-up language (HTML). They are typically stored on a server computer so that they can be accessed on a read-only basis by web browsers on remote computers via, for example, the Internet. Presently, in order to edit these documents, they must be taken off-line (e.g., removed from a ~~user~~suser's browser) and imported into a text or HTML editor. This makes editing of HTML documents by remote users cumbersome.

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 4, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention allows computer users to edit Web-based documents (WBDs) from directly within a Web browser ("in-line"). Users may easily alter and/or annotate preexisting WBDs hosted on remote servers and ~~to~~ efficiently share these edits with other remote users. This

in-line editing supports sophisticated features such as the ability to rewrite, rearrange, strike-out, boldface, italicize, underline and otherwise alter content directly within a Web browser. The in-line editing functionality includes the ability to store and recall edits. This, along with the fact that edited WBDs are themselves standard WBDs, implies that in-line editing functionality integrates without modification with software described, for example in U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/521,022, filed Mar. 7, 2000 (the '022 application). The '022 application is hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety including the specification, claims and drawings thereof. Thus, users may send edited WBDs to other users who may view the edited WBD whether or not they are equipped with this in-line editing software.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 14, with the following new paragraph:

Each edit action on the part of the user 10 causes the order value to increase by at least one; the order value increases by more than one only if previous edits must be grouped together by the in-line editing software. When a user 10 wishes to undo his most recent action, the in-line editing software simply locates the in-line editing tags with highest order value and removes them, along with all other in-line editing tags located directly between the highest order in-line editing tags. The in-line editing software then decreases the maximal order value by one, and searches for any in-line editing "group" tags with the maximal order. If found, these in-line editing "group" tags are removed, the order is again decremented, and the process of searching for in-line editing "group" tags of the highest order is repeated until either no in-line editing tags are found, or until the in-line editing tags of the highest order ~~are not group~~ are not group tags.